TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2277 - SB 2544

February 9, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that Davidson County is no longer exempt from certain rules for handling petitions for recall, referendum or initiative. Establishes that all counties and municipalities are subject to certain requirements relative to the minimum number of signatures on a petition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, Davidson County is the only county which is exempt from the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-151, relative to petitions for recall, referendum or initiative.
- Any changes to the procedure for handling petitions for recall, referendum, or initiatives
 are expected to be absorbed within the existing resources of the county election
 commission.
- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-151(j), charter provisions of a municipality or county enacted after July 1, 1997, are not subject to the requirements for signatures on a petition contained in § 2-5-151(d).
- Changing the required number of signatures for petitions in certain counties or municipalities will not have a significant effect on local governments.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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